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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Richard M. Anderson

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING
GRAIN BASED BAKED FOOD PRODUCTS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002, kindly amend the above-referenced application in the following manner:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 7 as follows:

The units of dough are individually mixed and are then deposited onto the conveyor 86. The units of dough are then conveyed into the proofing unit 88 as previously described where the dough is raised. A series of individual baking ovens such as ovens 118, 120, 122 are provided for receiving, respectively, each unit of dough. The ovens then bake the dough as conventionally taught and deposit the baked dough onto a customer delivery device such as a conveyor 123 or cooling racks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Six Times Amended) An automated process for producing a range of grain based baked food products from a supply of raw materials comprising: